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PART II.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

Food Situation for the week ending 31st January 1920.

Brief abstract of the special reports regarding the Food Situation for the week ending 31st January 1920.

Bangalore City.—During the week under report, 187 carts of ragi and 57 carts of paddy came into the bazaar as against 123 carts of ragi and 85 carts of paddy in the previous week.

The price of ragi ranged from Rs. 84 to Rs. 104 per cart during the week against Rs. 85 to 104 per cart in the previous week.

There is sufficient stock of rice and ragi in the bazaar but the prices are high.

The Municipal Depot is selling to the poor Delta rice, Burma rice and broken rice at $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers, 5 seers and $6\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee respectively.

Mysore City.—The situation remains unchanged.

Bangalore District.—There was no rain during the week. The standing crops paddy, avare, togari and sugar-cane are in good condition. Ragi and horse gram are being threshed.

The ruling prices of food grains are still high. Rice sells at $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers and ragi at $5\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ seers. The stock in the market is still low but the situation shows signs of improvement.

Mysore District.—Conditions are the same as in the last week. There is no scarcity for food grains anywhere in the district. The markets are well supplied. Rice is being sold at $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee and the price of paddy ranged from Rs. 18-8-0 to Rs. 22 per candy. A fall in the prices is expected.

Tumkur District.—There is no material change in the situation. Price of ragi has slightly gone down and it now ranges between Rs. 85 and 90 a cart load, while that of paddy is stationary. Supply to markets is not abundant as the raiyats are busy in threshing. Sale of Burma rice is being continued in the Depots at Tumkur, Tiptur, Gubbi, Turuvekere and Kunigal.

Kolar District.—The demand for Burma rice is increasing everywhere. The sale of this commodity is being continued in the Government Depots, except those of Bowringpet and Chintamani where there are no stocks. The sale will be revived in these Depots also when the fresh allotment of 1,000 tons asked for from the Food Controller is received. The prices of food grains are ruling high and fresh stocks are not coming to the markets.

Hassan District.—The *santes* were fairly well supplied with food grains. The Amildars of Hassan and Arsikere Taluks and the Deputy Amildar of Alur Sub-Taluk, report that merchants have been exporting rice and paddy in large quantities to Bangalore, Dodballapur, Ajjampur, Bowringpet and other places.

Standing crops such as Bengal gram, kar paddy and sugar-cane are in a good condition. Avare and togari suffered in the Hassan and Hole-Narsipur Taluks. Paddy, ragi and horse gram are being harvested.

Prices still continue to be high.

The prospects of the season are generally good.

Shimoga District.—There is not much change in the food situation in the district. The Amildar of Honnali reports that food stuffs are being bought up by merchants and conveyed towards Harihar. The Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug, has been requested to have the frontier specially guarded.

The markets are generally well supplied and rice of the coarser variety is selling at 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ seers per rupee. Horse gram is selling slightly cheaper than last week, *viz.*, at about 7 seers per rupee.

Kadur District.—There was no rain anywhere in the district, except in Narasimharajapura where it was only slight. Paddy is still being harvested in Narasimharajapura and its yield is reported to be 12 annas. The supply of food grains was sufficient in all the markets and shandies. The price of rice rose slightly in Chikmagalur and Mudgere, while it fell somewhat in Tarikere and Koppa. In Kadur, ragi was sold at 8 seers a rupee against 9 seers during the week previous.

The situation continues to be favourable.

Chitaldrug District.—There is nothing particular to report during the week. The food situation remains the same as in last week. The prices of food grains have been stationary. Shimoga rice is coming freely into Davangere and Harihar markets.

General (By Food Controller).—The general situation during the week has been much the same as in the last week. There as been no rain anywhere. The markets are reported to be on the whole well supplied. The prices however still rule high. The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore, states that a fall in the prices is expected. Local rice is selling at $3\frac{1}{4}$ to $4\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee generally except in the Shimoga District, where coarse rice is reported to be selling at 5 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ seers a rupee. In the Bangalore City ragi sold at Rs. 84 to Rs. 104 per cart-load of 640 seers and the price of paddy ranged between Rs. 60 to Rs. 70; while in the Mysore City the price of paddy ranged between Rs. 18/8 and Rs. 22 per candy.

No part of the Burma rice allotment for January has yet been received but 700 tons have just left Rangoon and the Rice Commissioner has promised to allot shipping space for the balance early. The whole of the Bengal rice has been imported and Delta rice has just begun to come in. As the Delta rice will be sold at not less than 5 seers a rupee, an improvement in prices is expected.

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